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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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EXAMINER: Counts, Gary W
APPLICANT: Beth E. Drees, et al.
SERIAL NO.: 09/991,933
CONFRM. NO.: 8812
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FOR: ASSAYING APPARATUS, KIT, AND
METHOD FOR LIPIDS AND
ASSOCIATED ENZYMES
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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

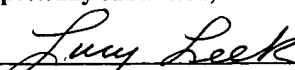
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, mailed April 19, 2004, the Applicant offers the following Amendment and requests reconsideration of the above-captioned application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period be extended three months. A check in the amount of \$490.00 is enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

I hereby certify that this paper or fee (along with any paper or fee referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 18, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,


Lucy Leek, Secretary